

Car Camping Checklist



Shelter

- Tent
- Tent poles
- Rain fly
- Ground cloth or tarp
- Extra tarp and rope
- Camp chairs to sit on around camp



Sleeping

- Sleeping pads, cots or air mattress
- Sleeping bags (optional: extra blankets)
- Pillows (or pillow cases to stuff clothes in)

Cooking and Meals

- Camp stove
- Fuel
- Firestarter (matches or lighter)
- Cookset (pots/pans) and utensils
- Eating utensils (plates, bowls, cups, forks)
- Garbage bags
- Ziplock bags in various sizes
- Biodegradable soap and a sponge
- Bucket for washing dishes
- Handkerchiefs (as napkins) and dish towels
- Paper towel roll
- Can opener, bottle opener, knife, etc.
- Cooler and ice
- Tablecloth for picnic table
- Jugs of drinking water
- Empty jug for transporting water
- Aluminum foil and/or saran wrap



Food

- Ingredients for each meal (and recipes)
- Snacks for energy and high on variety

- Dried fruit and sturdy fresh fruit
- Salt, pepper, cooking oil
- Coffee, cream/sugar or tea
- Hot cocoa mix (and insulated mugs)
- Other beverages (milk, pop, juice)
- Popcorn and campfire popper
- Makings for s'mores

Safety

- First-aid kit
- Insect repellent
- Citronella candle
- Sunblock
- Duct tape (good for quick repairs)
- Moleskin (for those pesky blisters)
- 100% aloe vera gel
- Calamine lotion
- Hydrocortisone
- Water filter or purification tablets
- Whistle (for calling out for help)
- Walkie Talkies
- Headlamps (one for each person)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- OTC medications like advil and aspirin
- Allergy medication like benedryl
- Directions to the nearest ER
- Cell phone (optional solar charger)



Toiletries and Personal Items

- Washcloths and towels
- Biodegradable soap / shampoo
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Toilet paper
- Wet wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Deodorant

Clothing

- Rain gear
- Fleece jacket
- Down vest or coat
- Hiking shoes or boots
- Camp shoes (sandals/ clogs)
- Socks (wool or polypro)
- Long underwear top/bottom
- Shorts and Pants
- Shirts (think layers)
- Underwear
- PJ's
- Swimming suit
- Warm hat and gloves
- Sunglasses and baseball hat

Miscellaneous

- Small broom
- Cash and quarters
- Hiking guidebook for nearby trails
- Road Atlas
- Water bottles for each person
- Campground reservations info
- Directions to the campground
- Emergency contact numbers
- Digital camera
- Daypacks for day hiking
- The Ten Essentials for the daypack
- Books and games
- Swiss Army Knife



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